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TWO KILLED BY A KATY FAST TRAIN

S. ELLIS AND SON CLAUDE LEE ELLIS GROUND TO DEATH WHEN TRAIN HITS THEIR CAR.

J. S. Ellis, aged nearly fifty years, and his son, Claude Lee Ellis, past nineteen, were both ground to death at about 10:45 o'clock Wednesday morning, when the Texas Pacific truck their automobile at a dangerous crossing on the road between Calera, Ellis, Sr., was killed instantly, his body being picked up almost one hundred yards from the crossing. The son's body was horribly mangled and torn but there was some evidence of life in the train crew carried him to Denison for aid but he died on the train. The remains of father and son were brought to Durant and interment was had at Highland cemetery at four o'clock Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. C. B. Cross and Rev. Moore.

The survivors are Mrs. Ellis and eight more children. The Ellis family was well known here and in their community. They were good people, and well liked wherever known.

Just how the accident occurred will probably never be set straight. The crossing is a dangerous one. On coming trains cannot be seen. On the morning of the accident a strong west wind was blowing, and as the

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DURANT MAY SUE PAVING BOND MEN

Southern Surety Company To Be Called Upon To Make Good Faulty West Main Street Paving

In all probability the city council at its next meeting will instruct the city attorney to file suit against the Southern Surety Company, on its bond for the maintenance of asphaltic paving on Main street between Fifth avenue and the Ursery. This paving was laid in 1916 by the Southwest Gravel Co., of Ardmore, headed by Jimmie Cotner. The Southern Surety Company made the contractor's five-year maintenance bond. The paving began to show early signs of faulty construction the the bonding company was given notice of the condition prior to the expiration of the bond.

On at least two occasions the City has expended time, money and materials in making repairs on the pavement.

CAUGHT TWO MEN AND BIG LOAD OF MOONSHINE

Deputy Sheriff Risner, Tuesday caught two men and a wagon load of hooch near Bennington. He destroyed the liquor and brought the men to Durant where charges of transporting were filed against the two of them, H. S. Potts and Winfred Lawson by name. The men are said to have procured the stuff in the eastern part of the State.

KU KLUX KLAN APPEARS HERE AND ISSUES A PROCLAMATION

COMMUNICATION TO THE NEWS, ON APPARENTLY OFFICIAL STATIONERY AND BEARING SEAL, CLAIMS MEMBERSHIP OF TWO HUNDRED AND WARNS THE LAWLESS.

The News received late Wednesday a startling communication, which appears to be the first move of the Ku Klux Klan in Durant. It is typewritten on what appears to be the official stationery of the Ku Klux Klan, and bears at the bottom, near the signature what is manifestly the seal of the order. The communication is headed "Proclamation," and is addressed "To The City and County Officials and Citizens of Durant, and Bryan County, Oklahoma."

The document was discovered by the editor among other papers on his desk about five o'clock in the evening. It was in a plain envelope addressed to the editor in typewriter. In the course of a day in the office of the News numerous people are in and out and the emissary no doubt found it a simple matter to deliver the missive without detection.

The document is published here with verbatim.

PROCLAMATION

Durant, Oklahoma.
September 22nd, 1921.
To The City and County Officials and Citizens of Durant, Bryan County, Oklahoma.

GREETINGS:—
This organization, composed of native-born Americans, who accept the tenets of the Christian religion, proposes to uphold the dignity and authority of the law. No innocent person of any color, creed or lineage has any just cause to fear or condemn this body of men.
To the City and County officials, we wish to assure you that we are

not here to break down constituted authority by any act, word or deed, but, on the contrary will uphold the hands of every good officer and citizen in the enforcement of law and order; we expect, however, that every official, elective or appointive, to discharge the duties of his office, without fear or favor, and to this end, we pledge you our undivided support.

To the fathers and mothers, we suggest that you keep a closer watch over your boys and girls in the future than you have in the past; especially in regard to the promiscuous joy-rides after dark.

To the gamblers, high-jackers, boot-leggers, dope-peddlers, lewd women; to the sellers of "jake and bitters"—THIS IS YOUR MOVE—two hundred determined men have their eyes upon you; be sure that your sin will find you out; this also applies to the men in Durant that we know personally have not done an honest day's work in twelve years, but live off of the toil of others by taking their hard-earned money from them in poker games, after dark—to these men we say—GO TO WORK.

For the information of all concerned, communications from this Klan, will, in all cases, be written upon official stationery and bear the official seal of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

(SEAL)

DURANT KLAN NO. 42,
REALM OF OKLAHOMA,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

BOWLES WINS ONE ROUND OVER PERKINSON

District Judge March, issued a temporary restraining order, restraining W. H. Perkinson, water superintendent, from hiring or firing any city employees, making debts on behalf of the city, or handling any funds of the city, and requiring that all monies collected by his department be turned over to the city Treasurer daily. Ollie James, City Clerk and Miss Mayo, bookkeeper of the water department are included in the order. The Durant National and Commercial National Banks are restrained from paying any monies they may have on deposit to the credit of W. H. Perkinson, water superintendent, on his check. The matter is to come up for final hearing in October. Mayor Bowles, who files petition for injunction, is represented by Deck and Newman.

SCHOOL GIRLS MUST CUT OUT COMPLEXION DOPE

An edict has gone forth from the powers that be of the Durant Public Schools to the effect that young girls of school age should not appear at school with their lips painted, the cheeks rouged and the eye brows penciled—unless of course it be that mother nature has provided the rosy hue to lips and cheeks and also provided eye brows of the desired degree of blackness. Other hobbies of feminine make-up, are also taboo in the schools, although bobbed hair so far seems to have escaped official censure.

REPUBLICANS SELECT A NEW STATE CHAIRMAN

The Republicans of Oklahoma held a meeting at Oklahoma City Tuesday of this week, which seems to have been harmonious enough. A. C. Alexander of Oklahoma City was selected State Chairman to succeed Jim Harris of Wagoner and Mrs. Warren H. Brown of Sapulpa was chosen for Vice Chairman.

KU KLUX KLAN PARADES AT SHAWNEE

About 300 members of the Ku Klux Klan, wearing regalia and carrying the usual warning signs paraded through the streets of Shawnee, Oklahoma Tuesday night. A note sent to a newspaper there said they are 1,000 strong in that county.

ROUGH RIDER HURT

At Ada last Saturday, Frank Reynolds, a bucking broncho rider was severely hurt in attempting to alight from a horse when his foot hung in a stirrup and he was dragged more than a mile before the horse was stopped. Doctors say he will recover.

MISSOURI MASONS FORBIDDEN TO JOIN KLAN

The Missouri Grand Lodge of Masonry, this week passed unanimously a resolution forbidding any members of Masonic Lodge in Missouri to become members of the Ku Klux Klan.

BOYNTON BARBER WHIPPED BY A MASKED MOB

C. C. Anderson, a barber of Boynton, Muskogee County, was whipped by a band of eighteen masked men Wednesday night and given eighteen hours in which to leave town.

"We are not members of the Ku Klux Klan," the maskers told Anderson. "We are tired of your actions," referring to his alleged relations with the wife of another Boynton man, "and we are going to get rid of folks like you."

A reporter for a Muskogee morning paper was "kidnaped" by the band after having received a mysterious message to be at Summit, seven miles south, at 7 o'clock.

After Anderson had been severely whipped he was bound, gagged and blindfolded and thrown out of a car on the main street of Boynton.

WEARING COATS IN HARVEY HOUSE GOES TO HIGH COURT

Last week, after passing on a number of complaints, the State Corporation Commission decided that the rule imposed by the Harvey eating houses, wherein men were required to wear their coats when eating in Harvey house dining rooms, was void and that men could, if they wished, eat therein in shirt sleeves. The Harvey house people have appealed to the State Supreme Court, alleging that the Commission does not have jurisdiction.

SHERMAN HOTEL CLERK IS TARRIED AND FEATHERED

Late Tuesday night, a band of masked men, took in charge, Fred Zeigler, night clerk of the Binkley Hotel at Sherman, Texas tarred and feathered him and turned him loose. Zeigler was at the hotel Wednesday morning but is said to have refused to comment upon treatment accorded him.

REVIVAL MEETINGS GOING ON

Revival services are in progress at the Church of Christ in this city and a great deal of interest is being shown. Rev. W. R. Swinney is doing the preaching.

RETURNED FROM COLORADO

A. B. Davis, secretary of the Durant Chamber of Commerce, has returned from a month's visit spent in Colorado, where he reports having had a pleasant time.

FOUR COTTON OIL MILLS IN MERGER

Choctaw Cotton Oil Company, Capitalized at \$1,250,000 Operates Seven Mills Including Durant Mill.

Announcement is made this week of the merger of four cotton oil milling companies, operating seven mills, into one large company known as the Choctaw Cotton Oil Company, with a capital stock of \$1,250,000. The merged company is now one of the largest concerns of the kind in the southwest.

The companies consolidated are the Durant Cotton Oil Company, the Ardmore Oil & Milling Co., The Farmers Cotton Oil Co., of Madill and the Oil Mill at Roff.

The officers of the merged companies are as follows: Hugh Halsell, Dallas, Texas, president A. B. Scarborough, Bonham, Texas, vice-president, W. F. Pendleton, Durant, vice president, E. C. Burton, Ardmore, vice president, P. A. Norris, Ada, vice president, Jas. R. McKinney, Durant, secretary.

The company operates mills at Durant, Caddo, Boswell, Ardmore, Wapanucka, Madill and Roff.

975 STUDENTS TAKING WORK AT SOUTHEASTERN NORMAL

Figures compiled last week show that the Southeastern Normal School of this city has a total of 975 enrolled, the largest enrollment in the history of the school. There are 469 pupils in the Normal proper, 128 in the training school and 230 in the correspondence study department.

FATHER AND SON HELD FOR MURDER

BEN HEADRICK, 18-YEAR-OLD SLAYER OF ODELL STINSON, AND SCOTT HEADRICK, BOUND OVER.

Wednesday, before County Judge John Finney, was held the examining trial of Ben Headrick, aged 18, slayer of Odell Stinson, and Ben's father, Scott Headrick, both of whom are charged with murder. The slayer of young Stinson, being but fifteen years of age, brought the matter before Judge Finney as Judge of the Juvenile Court of Bryan County. Both were held without bail to await the action of the District Court. Several witnesses were examined, who recited details of the killing. The court room was packed with spectators a large portion of whom live in the Wade community where the tragedy was enacted. Interest appeared to be very intense in the outcome of the hearing.

The defendants are represented by U'tterback & MacDonald, while the State is represented in the prosecution by County Attorney Phillips, Assistant Williams, and Attorney C. C. Hatchett who has been employed to aid the prosecution of the case.

Attorneys for the defense are expected to institute habeas corpus proceedings before the District Court in an attempt to procure bond for the defendants.

New Goods

Do You Believe in Luck?

We don't believe very much in luck but must admit we have been lucky in buying the merchandise we did at the time we bought it. Merchandise, especially in certain lines has been advanced in the wholesale markets. What they will do in the future we don't know; but one thing we do know and that is this:— Until the goods we have in stock and what we have coming are sold there will be no advance in our prices. When these are sold we may have to ask a little more so we advise that you purchase your needs as soon as you can.


PRICE MERCHANDISE AT OTHER STORES


Then let us show you what we have
You will wonder how we do it

If you want to save
—Come To—

DIXIE STORE

Where up-town prices look extravagant



1909-Twelth-1921
ANNIVERSARY
Bargain Banquet
Will continue until October 1.
Special Prices Every Day
Saturday Sept. 24th
will be
Stetson Hat
**DAY**
Special Tables will contain Several Dozen
Fall Styles
Stetson Staple Shape
At a Saving of 35 to 40 per cent
under last fall prices. You'll find Stetson
No. 1 quality, Nutria and XXX Beaver at
from \$3.50 to \$5.50 saving on each hat. In-
cluded among the staple shapes are the
Straight Brimmed Bound Edge and the
Rolled Boss Raw Edge Stetsons.

SPECIAL VALUES
in the
New Novelty Shapes
coming in the new Au-
tumn Brown, Greens,
Greys and Blacks—
\$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6
New Fall Caps—
75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 to \$3.50

